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Honorable Hank Brown
United States Senator
228 North Cascade, #106
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903-1350

Dear Senator Brown:

This is in reply to your letter of February 9, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Jean Merritt, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Jacobs

for Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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HANK BROWN
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0604

February 9, 1993

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Ms. Lou Sizemore
Congressional Liaison Specialist
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Dear Ms. Sizemore:

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from Jean Merritt. The correspondence is in regard to her concerns.

Your review of this material and any suggestions for replying to this letter would be helpful. If there are any questions, please contact Connie Scott Solomon of my staff at 719-634-6071. A reply, in duplicate, to C's attention would be appreciated.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Hank Brown
United States Senator

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Jean Merritt
6835 Timon Ct.
Colorado Springs, Co. 80912
Feb 5, 1993

Dear Senator Brown,

My husband and I have a hobby of building and flying radio controlled airplanes. We belong to a club called Pikes Peak Radio Control Club. There are over 200 members.

Back in the 1980's we were asked to narrow band our radios and given frequencies that were safer from being destroyed by C.B. radio frequencies, mobil phones, pagers and garage door openers. Now the F.C.C. wants to take these frequencies away from us and give them to some rich company that wants to make and sell walkie-talkie type products.

We aren't rich but we do spend a bit on these models and we hate to have them shot down by someone we can't even see and most likely wouldn't even know the damage they have caused. It is a desperate feeling when you see a model, flying at high speed, heading for the parking lot full of cars and people, and you have no control.

Please don't let the F.C.C. ~~take~~ these frequencies and our hobby away from us.

Sincerely
Jean Merritt